

D. Remarks

The claims are 1-5, 9-17, 20 and 21, with claims 1 and 14 being independent. Claims 6-8, 18, 19, 22 and 23 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 2 and 14 have been amended to address formal issues raised by the Examiner. Support for this amendment may be found throughout the specification, for example, in paragraph [0047]. The specification has been amended to correct various obvious informalities. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the present claims is expressly requested.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-21 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite.

Applicants have amended the claims to address the Examiner's concerns. In particular, the claims have been amended in accordance with the proposal made by the Examiner in the final Office Action.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, the indefiniteness rejection should be withdrawn.

This Amendment should be entered, because it fully complies with the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and places the case in allowable form.

Applicants believe that all issues have now been resolved. Wherefore, expedient passage of the application to issue is respectfully requested.

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